MHSOAC
Early Psychosis Intervention Plus
RFA EPI Plus_001
Questions and Answers

No.	RFA Section Reference	Stakeholder Question	MHSOAC Response
1.		Does the RFA process allow potential for multiple counties to apply together for a grant to support EPI programs that are coordinated throughout a region?	Yes, Section 6.A. states, "Enter the name of the County Mental Health or Behavioral Health department or the Lead County Mental Health or Behavioral Health department if the application is for a multi-county collaborative." On Attachment 1, identify the lead County of the collaborative, as the MHSOAC needs a single point of contact. In addition, list out the other counties that are part of the collaborative/joint effort in the table provided.
2.	4.A.d.	"Invest 15% of total grant funding for data collection and program outcomes data. This data will be provided to both the MHSOAC and the TTA contractor, including, but not limited to key program outcomes, as requested. Data collection funds may come from the grant or from other funding sources." **Does this mean this is an area where we could have matching funds and/or utilize grant funding? Is this in addition to the 15% for Administration or included in Administration?**	The grant Scope of Work (SOW) requires an investment of 15% of the grant funding for data collection and program outcome data. The grant holder may use grant funds or a contribution of other funds to meet that 15% investment for data collection and program outcomes data. This SOW requirement is a commitment by the grant holder and does not require a response in the RFA. The 15% for Administration is an RFA response budget requirement, in which an Applicant can request up to 15% of the grant for Administration. All Applicants have the option of not requesting any Administration cost in their application. Each Applicant has options as to how they will meet the contractual SOW requirement for data collection and program outcomes data. They can use any requested Administration cost, identify the amount as Other Costs on the budget worksheet, or use another funding source (e.g. contribution of funds).
3.	5.B.1.a.	Please expand on what you mean by "matching funds." How much is expected for matching funds and how does it impact scoring?	The term "Matching Funds" is not used in the RFA. We are responding as if the question was about "Contribution of Funds"

			Contribution of funds are any funds outside of the grant funding being requested through this application. There is no expected amount for contribution of funds. The Minimum Requirement (6.B.2.) is Applicants must identify a contribution of local funds… Contribution of Funds scoring is described in the scoring table under Section 11.C Scored Requirements for Attachment 6.
4.	5.B.1.b.	How is the "last grant" determined?	The "last grant" will be determined based on the amount of funds left over after funding the first 7 grants. The least amount available will be $1,562,000, if the first 7 grantees all request to maximum $2,000,000 each. Please note Section 5.B.1.b. for the process of working with the last grantee who receives partial funding.
5.	Attachment 4.	Is the assessment based on current services available, even if we do not have a formalized EPI programming? Is each level of Assessment worth 20 points? For example, if we are at Assessment Level 3 for 4.D.1. we would receive 60 points of the total allotted 100 points?	This assessment is based on current services available, even if there is no formalized EPI program. This requirement will be scored based on the Scoring Criteria Application table in Section 11.C. – Scored Requirements. The scoring is not based on the Assessment Level of your program.
6.	General	Are these funds eligible for FFP? Federal Fund Participation	Each Applicant must make their own determination if the services provided under the proposed program meet Federal Fund Participation requirements for Medi-Cal reimbursement.
7.	General	Does TA include all CSC training and assistance with evaluation?	The Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) contractor will provide CSC training and assist with evaluations.